

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Former Nextel Communications, Inc.)	WT Docket No. 06-169
Upper 700 MHz Guard Band Licenses)		
and Revisions to Part 27 of the)		
Commission's Rules)	
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Development of Operational, Technical)		WT Docket No. 96-86
And Spectrum Requirements for Meeting)		
Federal, State and Local Public Safety)		
Communications Requirements Through)		
the Year 2010)	

Motion for Extension of Time
for Submission of Comments to NPRM (FCC 06-133)

submitted by
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On the 8th of September, 2006, the Commission released the instant Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM). This NPRM requested comment on several issues of critical importance to public safety in our region. These are extremely complex issues and, if there is any change to the existing upper 700 MHz Bandplan for Public Safety, there are significant cost and schedule risks to our plans for public safety communications. The Region has recently completed an intensive 6-month effort to develop and approve a regional plan. It is imperative that the many public safety eligibles that comprise Region 20 be given an opportunity to investigate these issues and determine their effect on existing and present systems and plans. In order for the Commission to develop a complete record on these critical issues, Region 20 respectfully requests a short extension of 30 days to the due date for these comments.

Regional members have already made a significant investment in (or in planning for) public safety networks that will be directly affected by the outcome of this NPRM. The importance and appropriate resolution of the questions raised in this NPRM warrants this extension request.

Respectfully submitted,

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